

## Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 TUNIS 04746 061419Z

44

ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 AF-06 EUR-12 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-03 H-02

INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15

USIA-06 DLOS-04 EB-07 COME-00 INT-05 OMB-01 TRSE-00

SIL-01 LAB-04 IO-10 OFA-01 CG-00 DOTE-00 /107 W

----- 099040

R 061152Z AUG 75

FM AMEMBASSY TUNIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9839

INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

AMEMBASSY NOUAKCHOTT

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY RABAT

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

USCINCEUR

CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE TUNIS 4746

USCINCEUR ALSO FOR POLAD

CINCUSNAVEUR ALSO FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, TS, LY

SUBJ: TUNISIAN/LIBYAN INTERIOR MINISTERS MEET

REF: FBIS JN052025Y

1. SUMMARY: GOT AND GOL INTERIOR MINISTERS HAVE AGREED  
TO AUG 9 NEGOTIATIONS RE CONTINENTAL SHELF, AND EARLY  
SESSIONS TO ATTEMPT IRON OUT DIFFICULT PROBLEMS OF DOCUMENTA-  
TION AND CONTROL OF WORKERS AND OTHERS TRAVELING BETWEEN TWO  
STATES. PUBLICITY ACCORDED LIBYAN MINISTER'S VISIT HERE SIGNALS  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 TUNIS 04746 061419Z

GOT'S BELIEF THESE NEGOTIATIONS ARE SERIOUS AND PROMISING.

PROGRESS ON CONTINENTAL SHELF WOULD BE MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENT. JOINT STATEMENT MENTIONS, INTER ALIA, UNDERTAKING BY EACH SIDE TO PREVENT HOSTILE POLITICAL ACTIVITIES BY NATIONALS OF THE OTHER. END SUMMARY.

2. LIBYAN INTERIOR MINISTER MAJOR KHOULDI HAMIDI LEFT TUNIS AUG 5 AFTER THREE DAY WORKING VISIT. HE WAS DECORATED BY BOURGUIBA, RECEIVED UNUSUALLY HEAVY TV COVERAGE, AND WAS GUEST AT DINNER ATTENDED BY GOT MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HEALTH, EQUIPMENT, AND TRANSPORT/COMMUNICATIONS. IT IS APPARENT THAT GOT CONSIDERS VISIT AND ITS RESULTS SIGNIFICANT.

3. TUNISIE AFRIQUE PRESS (TAL) BULLETIN STATES TWO PARTIES AGREED TO EARLY MEETINGS OF THREE TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS. ONE TO STUDY DEMARCATION OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WILL MEET AT TRIPOLI SATURDAY AUG 9. OTHER TWO WILL MEET SEPTEMBER 2, ONE IN TUNIS TO DISCUSS "NATIONALITY PROBLEMS" AND ONE IN TRIPOLI TO CONSIDER ARRANGEMENTS WITH RESPECT TO TRAVEL BY RESIDENTS OF THE "FRONTIER REGIONS". COMMENT: ADDRESSEES MAY RECALL EARLIER REPORTS THAT GOL WAS NOT BEING RESPONSIVE TO TUNISIAN REQUESTS TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF PROBLEM. IT MAY BE THAT LIBYANS NOW SEE ENOUGH TO GAIN: IN TERMS OF STRAIGHTENING OUT THE COMPLEX PROBLEMS OF BORDER CONTROL AND NATIONALITY AS BETWEEN THE MANY TUNISIANS AND LIBYANS WHO WORK OR HAVE RELATIVES ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE BORDER, TO JUSTIFY TALKING SERIOUSLY ABOUT THE CONTINENTAL SHELF. END COMMENT.

4. A SEVEN-POINT JOINT STATEMENT ISSUED FROM MEETINGS BETWEEN HAMIDI'S DELEGATION AND THAT HEADED BY INTERIOR MINISTER TAHAR BELKHODJA, AS FOLLOWS:

A. EACH PARTY UNDERTAKES TO INTERDICT CITIZENS OF THE OTHER PARTY FROM CARRYING OUT POLITICAL ACTIVITIES HOSTILE TO THE OTHER PARTY.

B. APPLICATION OF PROVISIONS OF THE JUDICIAL CONVENTION CONCLUDED BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.  
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 03 TUNIS 04746 061419Z

C. SIMPLIFICATION OF THE RESIDENCE AND WORK FORMALITIES OF TUNISIAN AND LIBYAN NATIONALS.

D. SIMPLIFICATION OF ENTRY PROCEDURES FOR LIBYANS IN TUNISIA.

E. RESOLUTION OF THE SITUATION OF NATIONALS OF THE

TWO COUNTRIES SETTLED IN AN IRREGULAR MANNER IN THE OTHER COUNTRY. THE TWO PARTIES HAVE DECIDED TO TAKE SEVERE MEASURES TO BLOCK, IN FUTURE, ILLEGAL FRONTIER CROSSINGS.

F. PROTECTION OF LIBYAN GOODS IN TUNISIA AND OF TUNISIAN GOODS IN LIBYA.

G. THE TWO PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO FACILITATE THE ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THEIR MISSIONS BY CONSULS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES IN THE OTHER COUNTRY.

5. TAP BULLETIN RECALLS THAT THESE TALKS FOLLOW MEETINGS IN TRIPOLI BY MININT BELKHODJA EARLY IN JULY AND WORK BY THE TUNISIAN/LIBYAN JOINT COMMISSION AT SESSIONS AUGUST 2-4 AND JULY 27-29.

6. COMMENT: BELKHODJA'S JULY VISIT TO TRIPOLI WAS FOLLOWED BY WIRE SERVICE REPORTS FROM CAIRO (FBIS JN210758Y) THAT GOT HAD ARRESTED 20 WOULD-BE SABOTEURS COMING FROM LIBYA. THERE HAS THUS BEEN CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION AMONG LOCAL JOURNALISTS THAT GOT WAS MAKING MAJOR DEMARCHE AGAINST LIBYAN SPONSORSHIP OF SUBVERSION IN TUNISIA. POINT(A) OF THE JOINT STATEMENT, ABOVE, IS INTERESTING IN THIS RESPECT, CONSTITUTING A PUBLIC ADMISSION THAT ONE OR BOTH GOVERNMENTS ARE CONCERNED WITH POLITICAL OPPOSITION BY THEIR NATIONALS SHELTERING IN NEIGHBORING TERRITORY. LESS DRAMATIC PROBLEMS, HOWEVER, LOOM LARGE FOR BOTH SIDES. THE HEAVY VOLUME OF TRAFFIC BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES, AND THE DIFFICULTY OF ACCURATELY DOCUMENTING INDIVIDUALS OF MIXED BACKGROUND AND CIRCUMSTANCES, HAVE REPORTEDLY CAUSED GREAT LOGJAMS AT FRONTIER POSTS AND CONSULATES OF BOTH BOUNTRIES. GOT WILL BE CONCERNED TO ENSURE THAT SIMPLIFICATION AND CLARIFICATION OF ENTRY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 04 TUNIS 04746 061419Z

REQUIREMENTS DO NOT IN EFFECT FACILITATE THE PASSAGE OF SUBVERSIVES INTO TUNISIA.  
SEELYE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 01 JAN 1994  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** CONTINENTAL SHELF, MEETINGS, NEGOTIATIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 06 AUG 1975  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** RowellE0  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1975TUNIS04746  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Film Number:** D750271-0729  
**From:** TUNIS  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1975/newtext/t19750875/aaaacoup.tel  
**Line Count:** 157  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Office:** ACTION NEA  
**Original Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** LIMITED OFFICIAL USE  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** n/a  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** RowellE0  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 22 MAY 2003  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <22 MAY 2003 by ShawDG>; APPROVED <03 OCT 2003 by RowellE0>  
**Review Markings:**

Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
06 JUL 2006

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** TUNISIAN/LIBYAN INTERIOR MINISTERS MEET  
**TAGS:** PFOR, PLOS, TS, LY  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006